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TOWN OF WEYMOUTH,
CONTAINING A
Schedule of the Receipts and Expenditures,
THE
REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
THE
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AND
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Weymouth for the year ending March 14, 1859, submit the following Report:—

During the year, the widenings of Summer street, Smith street, and Middle street, near John Tirrell's and Thomas Humphrey's, have been worked. A covered drain near the Baptist meeting-house, has been constructed, an account of the expenses of which will be found in the schedule.

The highway bills have been mostly returned; in some instances, some of the taxes have neither been worked or paid, and the question now is, what shall be done with them;—whether the old surveyors shall go on and complete the collection and work, or the delinquents be returned to the assessors, to be included in the taxes for the ensuing year?

An opportunity having been presented to purchase a strip of land on Pine street, which land was much needed by the town for the purpose of widening said street, and for the gravel on said land, and there not being time to call a meeting for the purpose of submitting it to the town, we decided to buy the same for the sum of fifty dollars, and take a deed, and have done the same.

All other branches of town service, have been of an ordinary character, and are fully set forth in the Schedule of Expenses. Our liquor agency has been under the sole management of Amos S. White, with a net profit of fifty-three dollars and ninety-one cents, (\$53.91) to the town.

SCHEDULE

OF

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1859.

RECEIPTS OF THE TREASURER,

From March 8, 1858, to March 14, 1859.

Received Town, County and State taxes, ...	\$19,198 67
State School Fund, ...	291 27
for use of Town Hall, ...	196 00
from State, to refund money paid Weymouth Band, ...	153 00
from J. Litchfield, ...	452 74
from S. Curtis, town of Marblehead, ...	77 13
“ “ “ Braintree, ...	6 00
“ “ city of Salem, ...	22 00
“ H. A. Torrey, balance Wm. Loud's pension, ...	11 62
for gravel, ...	2 00
“ one town map, ...	85
from School District No. 1, for assessing taxes, ...	4 50
“ “ 2, “ “	5 00
“ “ 3, “ “	9 50
“ “ 4, “ “	6 50
“ “ 8, “ “	6 50
	\$20,443 28

The Expenditures are as follows, viz.:—

SCHOOLS.

The town grant for the support of Common Schools was	\$6,000 00
The income of the Alewife Fund was	252 00
The town's portion of the State School Fund was	291 27
	\$6,543 27
The town appropriation for the High School was	1,000 00
Whole amount for Schools, ...	\$7,543 27

The town voted to divide one-fourth of the Common School money equally among the districts, and the remaining three-fourths according to the number of children in each district, between the ages of five and fifteen years.

Whole amount for Schools, including the High School, when divided by the number of children between five and fifteen years of age, was, to each, ... \$5 44 $\frac{1}{4}$

Dist. No. 1	had 149 children, and its share was	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$676 28
2	50	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	325 75
3	246	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	1,019 73
4	100	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	502 78
5	126	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	594 84
6	114	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	552 35
7	122	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	580 68
8	136	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	630 25
9	212	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	899 35
10	71	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	400 10
11	60	"	"	"	"	.	.	.	361 16
									\$6,543 27

The accounts of the Districts at the close of the schools for the past year, stands as follows, viz. :—

DISTRICT No. 1—JOHN W. BARTLETT, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1st, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$129 10
Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	676 28
					\$805 38
Paid J. Frances Vining, teacher,	.	.	.	.	\$165 00
Nancy A. Tirrell,	"	.	.	.	110 00
Sarah E. Loud,	"	.	.	.	88 00
John W. Bartlett, fuel and fires,	.	.	.	.	17 66
Jos. Loud & Co., coal,	.	.	.	.	55 00
J. Frances Vining, teacher,	.	.	.	.	120 00
Elizabeth T. Jones,	"	.	.	.	88 00
Sarah E. Loud,	"	.	.	.	76 00
J. W. Bartlett, fuel and fires,	.	.	.	.	31 00
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	54 72
					805 38

DISTRICT No. 2.—JOHN D. SALISBURY, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1st, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$315 40	
Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	325 75	
						\$641 15
Paid J. D. Salisbury, fuel,	.	.	.	.	\$17 50	
“ “ “	.	.	.	.	18 50	
Eliza French, teacher,	.	.	.	.	144 00	
“ “ “	.	.	.	.	129 60	
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	331 55	
						641 15

DISTRICT No. 3.—JAMES LOVELL, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1st, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$358 24	
Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	1,019 73	
						\$1,377 97
Paid Susan J. F. Pratt, teacher,	.	.	.	.	\$110 50	
James Lovell, fuel,	.	.	.	.	65 70	
Susan J. F. Pratt, teacher,	.	.	.	.	78 00	
Mary C. Cowing, “	.	.	.	.	145 00	
Maria L. Bates, “	.	.	.	.	130 50	
Susan J. F. Pratt, “	.	.	.	.	90 00	
Mary C. Cowing, “	.	.	.	.	77 00	
Maria L. Bates, “	.	.	.	.	70 00	
James Lovell, fires, &c.,	.	.	.	.	23 00	
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	588 27	
						1,377 97

DISTRICT No. 4.—JEREMIAH BAILEY, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$56 10	
Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	502 78	
						\$558 88
Paid L. A. H. Butler, teacher,	.	.	.	.	\$150 00	
A. M. Webster, “	.	.	.	.	150 00	
“ “ “	.	.	.	.	84 00	
Sarah H. Rugg, “	.	.	.	.	84 00	
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	90 88	
						558 88

DISTRICT No. 5.—BENJ. F. WHITE, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1st, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$184 97	
Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	594 84	
						\$779 81

Paid Emily Torrey, teacher, ...	\$169 00	
Susan M. Torrey teacher, ...	135 00	
B. F. White, fuel, &c., ...	35 52	
J. L. Pratt, teacher, ...	120 00	
Susan M. Torrey, teacher, ...	60 00	
B. F. White, fuel, &c., ...	7 00	
Balance due the District, ...	253 29	
		\$779 81

DISTRICT No. 6.—SAMUEL BURRELL, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1st, 1858, ...	—————	
Appropriation for 1858-9, ...		\$552 35
Paid Elizabeth White, teacher, ...	\$125 00	
Amey M. Adlington, teacher, ...	137 50	
J. B. Spear, fuel, ...	3 67	
J. Loud & Co., fuel, ...	16 87	
Elbridge G. Torrey, teacher, ...	180 00	
Elizabeth White, "	80 00	
S. Burrell, fires, ...	9 31	
		552 35

DISTRICT No. 7.—JOHN SHORES, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due, April 1st, 1858, ...	\$87 74	
Appropriation for 1858-9, ...	580 68	
		\$668 42
Paid B. M. Holbrook, teacher, ...	\$126 00	
M. A. Holbrook, "	120 00	
John Shores, fuel, ...	44 38	
H. Frank Woodman, teacher, ...	125 00	
" " "	62 50	
Wm. Holbrook, making fires, ...	3 00	
Lucy E. Hunt, teacher, ...	75 00	
Balance due the District, ...	112 54	
		668 42

DISTRICT No. 8.—JOSEPH B. HOWE, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1st, 1858, ...	\$16 01	
Appropriation for 1858-9, ...	630 25	
		\$646 26

Paid Thomas Hollis, fuel, 1857,	.	.	.	.	\$1 50.
Josephine Lane, teacher,	.	.	.	.	110 00
H. A. Fuller,	"	.	.	.	100 00
Lydia A. Paddock,	"	.	.	.	115 50
Joseph Dyer, carting coal,	.	.	.	.	2 50
J. B. Howe, fuel and fires,	.	.	.	.	21 00
Lewis E. Noyes, teacher,	.	.	.	.	138 00
H. A. Fuller,	"	.	.	.	66 00
M. M. Howe,	"	.	.	.	60 00
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	31 76
					\$646 26

DISTRICT No. 9.—ROSCIUS R. WALKER, *Prudential Committee*.

Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	\$899 35
To amount due from the District,	.	.	.	.	\$34 63
Paid T. C. Pratt, teacher,	.	.	.	.	175 00
Maria V. Boardman, teacher,	.	.	.	.	66 00
Mary T. Clapp,	"	.	.	.	36 00
Sarah A. White,	"	.	.	.	30 00
T. C. Pratt,	"	.	.	.	175 00
Maria V. Boardman,	"	.	.	.	66 00
Mary T. Clapp,	"	.	.	.	36 00
Sarah A. White,	"	.	.	.	30 00
T. C. Pratt,	"	.	.	.	116 67
Maria V. Boardman,	"	.	.	.	66 00
Sarah A. White,	"	.	.	.	30 00
Mary T. Clapp,	"	.	.	.	36 00
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	2 05
					899 35

DISTRICT No. 10.—EBEN. TIRRELL, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$57 22
Appropriation for 1858-59,	.	.	.	.	400 10
					\$457 32
Paid Jos. Loud & Co., for fuel,	.	.	.	.	\$16 87
Lydia A. Tirrell, teacher,	.	.	.	.	127 00
Elizabeth B. Tirrell, teacher,	.	.	.	.	92 00
Eben. Tirrell, fuel,	.	.	.	.	8 50
L. A. Tirrell, teacher,	.	.	.	.	15 00
E. B. Tirrell, teacher,	.	.	.	.	12 00
E. B. Tirrell, teacher,	.	.	.	.	51 00

Paid L. A. Tirrell, teacher,	.	.	.	.	\$69 00	
Eben. Tirrell, fires,	.	.	.	.	10 00	
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	55 95	
						\$457 32

DISTRICT No. 11.—JOHN V. BATES, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due April 1, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$51 20	
Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	361 16	
						\$412 36
Paid Sarah H. Rugg, teacher,	.	.	.	.	\$82 50	
Sarah H. Rugg, teacher,	.	.	.	.	66 00	
John V. Bates, fuel,	.	.	.	.	18 68	
F. H. Luddington, teacher,	.	.	.	.	150 00	
Balance due the District,	.	.	.	.	95 18	
						412 36

H I G H S C H O O L .

Balance due April 1, 1858,	.	.	.	.	\$56 71	
Appropriation for 1858-9,	.	.	.	.	1,000 00	
						\$1,056 71
Paid J. L. Ross, bill of desks,	.	.	.	.	\$58 50	
Cushing's Express, freight,	.	.	.	.	2 87	
J. E. Rice, work at Town House,	.	.	.	.	34 72	
Mary Poor, teacher,	.	.	.	.	75 00	
William K. Fletcher, teacher,	.	.	.	.	225 00	
W. K. Fletcher, incidental expenses,	.	.	.	.	5 52	
W. K. Fletcher, incidental expenses,	.	.	.	.	1 00	
W. K. Fletcher, teacher,	.	.	.	.	143 18	
Mary Poor, teacher,	.	.	.	.	49 00	
Thomas Austin, painting,	.	.	.	.	18 37	
W. K. Fletcher, teacher,	.	.	.	.	272 10	
L. M. Pratt, stoves and repairing,	.	.	.	.	17 73	
W. K. Fletcher, teacher,	.	.	.	.	265 90	
Rebecca V. Humphrey, teacher,	.	.	.	.	110 25	
Francis Tirrell, care of room,	.	.	.	.	32 50	
Expense of coal and wood,	.	.	.	.	42 21	
						\$1,353 85
Deduct amount overdrawn by vote of town,	.	.	.	.	297 14	
						\$1,056 71

Balance due Districts and High School at the close of last year, ...	\$1,312 69	
Appropriation for 1858-9, ...	7,543 27	
	<u> </u>	\$8,855 96
Expense of District Schools this year, ...	\$6,183 06	
Balance due the Districts at the close of the schools, ...	1,616 19	
Expense of the High School, ...	1,353 85	
	<u> </u>	\$9,153 10
Deduct amount overdrawn by High School, ...	297 14	
	<u> </u>	\$8,855 96

HIGHWAYS, TOWN WAYS, AND BRIDGES.

At the annual meeting of the town, held March 8, 1858, it was voted that the town assess twenty-five cents on a poll, and estates in proportion, for the repairs of highways, &c., for the ensuing year; and that three-fourths of the same be divided among the districts; the remaining one-fourth to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

The amount appropriated to the Districts was, ...	\$2,193 99	
The amount to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, including non-residents' taxes, was	862 10	
	<u> </u>	\$3,056 09

The amount expended under the direction of the Selectmen has been as follows, viz.:—

In the District under the care of Wm. F. Thayer, ...	\$22 88	
Jona. D. Pratt, ...	17 80	
Alvah Raymond, Jr., ...	43 87	
John Phillips, ...	14 97	
Moses W. Faxon, ...	9 88	
Adoniram Vining, ...	14 96	
Samuel Tirrell, ...	56 43	
Loring Tirrell, ...	21 27	
Asa Holbrook, ...	12 71	
Allen Vining, ...	52 50	
Jason Holbrook, ...	4 00	
Isaac Remick, ...	93	
Roswell Corban, ...	13 10	
Eliphalet Loud, ...	15 00	
	<u> </u>	\$300 30

Expended on Middle and other Streets.

Paid Spear & Holbrook, widening bridge on Middle street, ...	\$136 15
Silvanus Bates, labor on Middle street, ...	80 40
John Phillips, covering drain near Baptist church, ...	98 74
Moses W. Faxon, labor at junction of Front street and Hunt's lane, ...	46 24
Franklin Whitton, labor on new street, from Broad to Front street, ...	118 71
John O. Foye, steps on do., ...	5 00
Spear & Holbrook, labor on Summer street, ...	225 00
	—————\$1,010 54
Amount to be appropriated by Selectmen, ...	\$862 10
Appropriated in addition to highway tax, ...	148 44
	—————\$1,010 54

Expense of removing Snow.

Paid Solomon Lovell, District No. 1, ...	\$13 55
James Jones, " 2, ...	8 75
William F. Thayer, " 3, ...	7 99
Jonathan D. Pratt, " 4, ...	5 16
Silvanus Bates, " 5, ...	16 64
Alvah Raymond, Jr., " 6, ...	55 45
John Phillips, " 7, ...	35 98
Moses W. Faxon, " 8, ...	15 65
John Prince Nash, " 9, ...	9 17
William A. Shaw, " 10, ...	3 25
Adoniram Vining, " 11, ...	8 94
Samuel Tirrell, " 12, ...	5 75
Loring Tirrell, " 13, ...	15 40
Asa Holbrook, " 14, ...	5 20
Allen Vining, " 15, ...	17 16
Jason Holbrook, " 16, ...	8 17
Josiah Q. Torrey, " 17, ...	3 80
Nathaniel R. Torrey, " 18, ...	5 80
Alvan B. Derby, " 19, ...	5 80
Isaac Remick, " 20, ...	3 17
Roswell Corban, " 21, ...	15 20
Eliphalet Loud, " 22, ...	4 40
Martin Derby, 1857, " 22, ...	75
	—————\$271 13

For Land to widen and straighten Streets.

Paid Estate of Chloe Holbrook, for land on Pine street, ...	\$9 00	
Albert Hunt, land on Summer street, ...	20 00	
Dea. J. P. Nash, " "	14 00	
Miss Nancy P. Nash, " "	20 00	
Miss Sarah Kingman, " "	175 00	
Hon. Caleb Stetson, land on street from Broad to Front street, ...	60 00	
C. W. Huntress, interest on land damage, ...	1 50	
Amos Kingman, land on Summer street, ...	5 00	
Samuel D. Bates, land on Summer street, ...	5 00	
Stephen French, land on Commercial street, ...	75 00	
Trustees of Baptist church, ...	1 00	
David Holbrook, land on Pine street, ...	50 00	
Jona. D. Pratt, land on Essex street, ...	5 00	
		\$440 50

Summary of Expense on Roads.

Highway tax, ...	\$3,056 09	
Additional appropriations, ...	148 44	
Land to widen and straighten streets, ...	440 50	
Removing snow.	271 13	
		\$3,916 16

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF THE TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Joseph Loud & Co., for coal, ...	\$9 75	
William G. Nash, oil, &c., ...	44 92	
Thomas Nash, wood, ...	3 38	
Francis Tirrell, care of house, ...	30 50	
		\$88 55

EXPENSE FOR THE SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen.

Noah Vining, Jr., for services and expenses, ...	\$53 03	
Z. L. Bicknell, for services and expenses, ...	49 27	
Ebenezer H. Richards, for services and expenses, ...	38 25	
		\$140 55

Assessors.

Noah Vining, Jr., for services and expenses,	.	\$110	00	
Samuel Burrell, for services and expenses,	.	118	50	
Francis B. Bates, for services and expenses,	.	122	83	
				\$351 33

Overseers of the Poor.

Henry A. Torrey, for services and expenses,	.	\$2	00	
Samuel Curtis, for services and expenses,	.	86	00	
Lemuel Torrey, for services and expenses,	.	29	20	
James Tirrell, for services and expenses,	.	15	00	
				\$132 20

Treasurer.

Gilman Burrell, for services and expenses,	.	.	.	\$57 45
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Clerk.

J. Austin Rogers, for services and expenses,	.	.	.	\$25 79
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Constables.

Jacob N. Bates, for services and expenses,	.	.	\$15	50
Silas Binney, for services and expenses,	.	.	8	50
William Stoddard, for services and expenses,	.	.	11	40
				\$35 40

Collectors.

Cotton Bates, for collecting taxes,	.	.	\$125	26
Samuel Burrell, for collecting taxes,	.	.	65	64
				\$190 90

School Committee.

Rev. C. W. Mellen, for services and expenses,	.	\$97	50	
Rev. James P. Terry, for services and expenses,	.	92	75	
Rev. E. S. Potter, for services and expenses,	.	95	25	
				\$285 50
				\$1,219 12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid T. Groom & Co., Assessors' books,	.	.	\$8	00
Z. L. Bicknell, preparing schedules,	.	.	10	00
Cotton Bates, distributing schedules,	.	.	5	00
Cotton Bates, distributing laws and resolves,	.	.	5	00
Martin Derby, distributing schedules,	.	.	3	50
Martin Derby, distributing laws and resolves,	.	.	3	50

James Humphrey, costs on suit J. L. Bates *vs.*

Eighth School District, ...	\$150 28
Cotton Bates, taxes unpaid 1856, and uncur-	
rent money, ...	16 73
William White, printing, ...	169 51
Weymouth Band, to be refunded by State, .	144 00
William O. Haskell, settees, ...	129 60
M. L. Cushing, freight of settees, ...	4 50
Benjamin F. Shaw, guide-post, ...	1 75
C. Bates, discount on taxes, ...	327 46
C. Bates, remittances, ...	106 62
J. Austin Rogers, recording births, deaths, and	
marriages, ...	69 85
J. Austin Rogers, removing safe, ...	4 00
State Treasurer, State tax, ...	1,123 00
County Treasurer, County tax, ...	1,588 23
Samuel Tirrell, dinners for High School Com-	
mittee, ...	6 00
J. G. Rogers, selling school books, . . .	7 35
J. A. Rogers, " " " "	11 48
J. W. Bartlett, " " " "	9 65
Amos White, " " " "	22 13
Henry Loud, " " " "	13 30
William G. Nash, " " " "	8 73
Samuel Burrell, discount on taxes, ...	169 70
Samuel Burrell, remittances, ...	58 15
Thomas Austin, painting guide-boards, . .	2 00
Weymouth and Braintree Bank, interest on	
borrowed money, ...	30 50
Ebenezer Humphrey, interest, ...	210 00
Amos White, school books delivered by order	
of Committee, ...	4 05
Josiah Q. Torrey, interest, ...	60 00
Josiah Litchfield, by Overseers of the Poor,	
to balance an order on Scituate Savings	
Bank, ...	52 74
	\$4,476 31

RECAPITULATION.

Received from all sources, ...	\$20,443 28
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Expenditures.

On account of Schools, ...	\$7,536 91	
Roads, ...	3,916 16	
Town House, ...	88 55	
Town Officers, ...	1,219 12	
Miscellaneous, ...	4,476 31	
Town's Poor, ...	3,214 43	
	\$20,451 48	
From which deduct amount of road tax worked by Surveyors, ...	2,193 99	
		\$18,257 49
Amount of receipts over expenditures, ...		\$2,185 79
Balance against the town last year, ...	\$5,427 62	
Amount paid this year, as per schedule, ...	18,257 49	
		\$23,685 11
From which deduct the receipts for this year, ...		20,443 28
Leaving a balance against the town of		\$3,241 83

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NOAH VINING, JR.,	} <i>Selectmen of Weymouth.</i>
Z. L. BICKNELL,	
EBENEZER H. RICHARDS,	

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Weymouth, for the past year, respectfully ask leave to make the following Report, the account of which includes the time from the first day of February, 1858, to the first day of February, 1859.

On entering upon the duties incumbent upon them they found it necessary to make a change in the Alms-house keeper; after giving due notice and receiving many proposals, contracted with George W. Pratt to take charge of that department, for three hundred dollars for one year.

The number of paupers in the Alms-house at the commencement of the year was twenty-seven; the whole number during the year thirty-one; the average was about twenty-four and three-fourths, and the number at the end of the year twenty-three.

The amount charged by the overseers for their services, postage, traveling expenses, and cash paid, has been one hundred and thirty dollars and twenty cents.

Having deemed it necessary, we have caused an addition to be built on the shed, at a cost of about seventy-five dollars, and have made additions and improvements in the house to the amount of about one hundred dollars.

The whole sum drawn from the treasury for the support of the poor in the house, including the salary of the Superintendent, has been nineteen hundred and forty-three dollars and sixty-four cents. We have allowed the town for the rent of the farm, three hundred dollars, and have reduced the inventory about one hundred and twenty-five dollars, making the whole cost of the poor in the house, twenty-one hundred and twenty-four dollars and forty-eight cents.

The expense of each pauper per week has been one dollar sixty-five cents and about two mills.

The expense for support of the poor out of the house, amounts to thirteen hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents, of which three hundred and thirty-one dollars was for old bills previous to last year, the total for the year being thirty-three hundred and thirty-three dollars and sixty-three cents.

Expense for support of the Poor in the Almshouse, from February 1st, 1858, to February 1st, 1859.

DR.		
Inventory of February 1st, 1858,	.	\$1,593 96
Rent of Farm,	.	300 00
Orders to Mr. Pratt,	.	2,118 64
		\$4,012 60
CR.		
Inventory of February 1st, 1859,	.	\$1,713 16
Improvements on buildings,	.	75 00
Improvements in house,	.	100 00
		\$1,888 16
Balance for support of poor,	.	2,124 44
		\$4,012 60

Account of Goods, &c., bought and Bills paid, 1858-9, by the Superintendent.

Paid Joseph Loud & Co., for grain, flour, coal, &c.,	.	\$498 98
Samuel Curtis, goods bought by him,	.	355 42
Noah Stowell, for goods,	.	3 21
Albert Hobart, for hog,	.	30 00
Blake, Barnard & Co., goods,	.	16 42
Loring Pratt, seed potatoes,	.	2 25
Noah Vining, wood,	.	12 00
A. S. White, medicine,	.	3 75
Melzer Hatch, for swine,	.	21 00
Stetson H. Bowditch, brick,	.	5 40
Bennet, White & Co., clothing,	.	24 25
N. M. Hobart, meat,	.	6 35
Lovell Bicknell, alewives,	.	2 50
for meat saw,	.	2 00
Mr. Hodgkins, for swine,	.	12 50
Mr. Higin, for rockweed,	.	36 12
B. F. Shaw, for labor,	.	16 27

Paid J. B. Howe, for bread,	\$26 75
J. B. Howe, for swine,	10 00
Stephen Cain, labor,	18 97
Err Cushing, gratuity,	2 00
James Graves, chairs,	17 00
Mr. Wentworth,	10 00
A. B. Rosey, gratuity,	2 50
for straw,	2 20
Thomas Green, gratuity,	3 50
Norton Pratt, lumber,	8 47
W. T. Burrill, labor,	14 27
George Pratt, swine,	5 00
Abner Levett, wood,	106 70
Mrs. Burrell, apples,	10 50
J. T. Winchester, stove,	6 00
J. T. Winchester, pans,	3 00
for two pairs of blankets,	3 25
for two pairs of mittens,	2 33
Loring Tirrell, cow,	8 00
Chester Pratt, shoe stock,	29 18
Joseph Crane, four cows,	125 00
E. D. Richards, horse,	15 00
J. C. Johnson, clothing,	8 62
Erwin Cotton, cutting wood,	10 00
Tilley Willis, for building wagon,	34 65
George Willis, sleigh,	7 00
Daniel Cohane, labor,	3 00
Daniel Cohane, two barrels of apples,	4 00
Daniel Cochane, fowls,	2 76
James Burrell, labor,	15 50
A. Whiting, for wood,	3 00
J. W. Pinten, labor,	7 70
Samuel Reed, smith-work,	29 63
Willard Pool, for cow,	16 00
Lemuel French, sand,	1 11
for shoe-findings,	2 01
James Blanchard, smith-work,	16 65
Simeon Whitman, meat,	38 94
James Thomas, meat,	39 61
D. E. L. Warren, for medical attendance,	13 25
Solomon Lovell, ice,	11 90
J. M. Goodhue, dry goods,	85 35
L. M. Pratt, tin-ware, &c.,	18 40

Paid Loud & Rhines, lumber, ...	\$1 70
John O. Foye, hardware, &c., ...	24 71
A. Clapp & Co., shoes, ...	6 24
Henry Loud, for goods, ...	144 09
for sundries, ...	73 26
	\$2,107 12

George W. Pratt, Superintendent, to the Town of Weymouth,

1859.	DR.	
Feb. To orders on the Treasurer, ...	\$2,118 68	
To amount received for produce, ...	293 09	
		\$2,411 77
1858.	CR.	
Feb. By bill of goods, by him bought, ...	\$2,107 12	
By his salary, ...	254 52	
Due from Mr. Pratt, ...	50 13	
		\$2,411 77

Amount received for Produce, Stock, Labor, &c., by Mr. Pratt.

Of C. Curtis, for yoke of steers, ...	\$42 00
S. Curtis, for pork, eggs, &c., ...	28 54
Cyrus Washburn, for labor, ...	53 00
R. Lowell, for fowl, ...	3 10
Chester Pratt, for hay, &c., ...	5 34
N. M. Hobart, for pork, ...	16 90
for milk, ...	6 80
J. S. Foye, for pork, ...	1 32
David Pratt, for labor, ...	2 00
G. W. Dyer, for labor, ...	3 00
James Tirrell, for cow, ...	27 50
Daniel Cohane, for grindstone, ...	1 50
Lemuel Torrey, for beef, ...	9 80
Henry Tirrell, for labor, ...	15 00
Simeon Whitman, for calves, ...	26 60
James Thomas, for calves, ...	22 07
Mr. Gardner, for wood, ...	25 62
for bean-poles, ...	3 00
	\$293 09

Support of the Poor out of the House.

Paid Allen Vining, for conveying pauper to Bridgewater,	\$0	50
Overseers' tenders for Isaac Binney,	2	95
widow E. Pratt,	26	00
Mary Bates,	26	00
Ebenezer Pool and daughter,	78	00
Dr. G. W. Fay, for medical attendance on Elenor H.		
Collier,	46	00
Josiah A. Taylor, for house rent for Elenor H. Collier,	6	40
C. E. Hunt, for support of James Nash,	42	00
Mrs. Ryon, for support of L. Sanderson,	6	00
Estate of Adison Cheesman, for wood to James Nash,	3	00
L. F. Pratt, for goods delivered to Benjamin Dyer's family,	72	93
Town of Braintree, wood delivered to widow William Pratt,	28	20
Town of Braintree, for assistance to S. S. Pratt,	10	13
Dr. N. Q. Tirrell, for medical attendance on William Desmond,	8	00
Dr. N. Q. Tirrell, for medical attendance on Mrs. Benjamin Dyer,	8	50
City of Salem, for support of Mrs. Tirrell,	52	50
John Phillips, for labor,	15	00
Joseph Loud & Co., for coal to Mrs. Collier,	3	50
Denis Shea,	5	75
Thomas Burrell,	11	50
J. Barker,	3	50
Mrs. Benjamin Dyer,	3	00
Edmond Torrey,	9	00
Richard Torrey,	6	00
Mrs. Sally Harding,	5	75
Samuel Curtis, for assistance to Ezra Bicknell,	39	50
widow Q. Hunt,	19	80
Thomas Burrell,	40	90
Mrs. Sally Harding,	13	71
Samuel Curtis, for funeral expenses of Samuel Evans,	14	00
Mrs. Benj. Dyer,	7	11
Edmond Torrey,	9	42
Richard Torrey,	4	03
Mrs. Tuel,	1	00
Samuel F. Newcomb, assistance to Thomas Burrell, Jr.,	10	00
Thomas Pray, for support of widow A. Dyer,	39	00

Paid City of Boston, assistance to Mary Bates, . . .	\$38 25
Elizabeth Pratt, . . .	7 25
A. Raymond, assistance to E. H. Collier, . . .	50
Dea. Elnathan Bates, for support of Esther Bates at hospital, ...	91 00
Isaac Jackson, for supplies to Mrs. McPherson, . . .	49 63
Bethia Baker, for nursing Mrs. Harding, ...	5 00
Dr. H. E. Weston, for medical attendance on Mrs. Harding, ...	2 50
Robert Richards, for support of his son, ...	15 00
Dr. G. W. Fay, for medical attendance on Mrs. William Wright, ...	15 50
Josiah E. Rice, for coffin, &c., for Mrs. Wm. Wright, . . .	9 00
Dr. N. Q. Tirrell, for medical attendance on Mrs. Wm. Wright, ...	16 50
Henry Loud, for assistance to Mrs. Wm. Wright, . . .	62 51
N. G. Pratt, funeral expenses of " "	3 00
A. S. White, medicine for " "	2 52
Dr. G. C. S. Choate, at State Lun. Hospital, for Rosamond Pratt, ...	165 48
Dr. Choate, at do., for Henry C. Bates, ...	150 18
" " Sally A. Carrol, ...	1 32
" " Lucy P. Raymond, ...	41 13
Ellis Bodge, support of Mrs. Case, ...	17 50
John J. Clark, for services, ...	10 00
Town of Quincy, for assistance to Thomas Burrell, Jr., . . .	8 00
	\$1,390 35

RECAPITULATION.

Cost of supporting the poor out of the house, ...	\$1,390 35
Cost of supporting the poor in the house, ...	2,124 44
Total, ...	\$3,514 79
Deduct for use of the town farm, ...	300 00
	\$3,214 79

Paupers in the Almshouse from Feb. 1, 1858, to Feb. 1, 1859.

Date.	Names.	Age.	Discharged.	Died.	Weeks.	Days.
Sept. 29,	Jeremiah Stetson, ...	81	-	-	21	6
Feb. 1,	Err Cushing, ...	74	-	-	52	-
1,	Betsey Avery, ...	76	-	-	52	-
1,	Benjamin Torrey, ...	62	-	-	52	-
1,	Polly Torrey, ...	63	-	-	52	-
1,	Debene Pratt, ...	62	-	-	52	-
1,	Thomas Green, ...	59	-	-	59	-
1,	Samuel Badlam, ...	54	-	-	59	-
June 13,	Mary Hamlington, ...	50	June 19,	-	1	-
Feb. 1,	Edmond Tirrell, ...	41	-	-	52	-
1,	Elizabeth Tirrell, ...	39	May 13,	-	14	3
1,	Lucy Thayer, ...	35	-	-	52	-
1,	Charles H. Thayer, ...	13	July 13,	-	23	1
1,	Hiram Thayer, ...	11	-	-	52	-
1,	Sarah Thayer, ...	9	-	-	52	-
1,	F. J. Hayden, ...	26	-	-	52	-
1,	A. B. Rosey, ...	31	-	-	52	-
1,	Mary F. Rosey, ...	24	-	-	52	-
1,	Angaline Rosey, ...	6	-	-	52	-
1,	H. W. Rosey, ...	5	-	-	52	-
1,	Salinda Richards, ...	28	-	-	52	-
1,	J. W. Richards, ...	5	-	-	52	-
1,	A. F. D. Richards, ...	3	-	-	52	-
1,	Julia A. Thayer, ...	9	-	-	52	-
Aug. 29,	Harriet Thayer, ...	12	November 1,	-	9	-
Feb. 1,	Mary Binney, ...	30	August 20,	-	23	4
1,	C. E. Binney, ...	5	-	-	52	-
1,	Mary F. Binney, ...	4	-	-	52	-
1,	James Binney, ...	2	August 20,	-	9	-
1,	David Bates, ...	16	April 2,	-	8	5
May 4,	Augusta Walker, ...	20	May 12,	-	1	-
	Different persons, ...		-	-	7	-

*Inventory of Stock, Wood, Hay, Coal, Provisions, Farming Imple-
ments, &c., February, 1859.*

10 cows and heifers . . .	\$300 00	4 ladders . . .	\$6 00
1 horse . . .	100 00	1 lantern . . .	50
8 swine . . .	100 00	saddle and bridle . . .	1 25
hens and turkeys . . .	12 50	hay chopper . . .	6 00
6 chairs . . .	4 50	1 ice chest . . .	6 00
1 horse cart . . .	34 00	patent balances . . .	25 00
2 wagons . . .	52 00	winnowing machine . . .	10 00
1 sleigh . . .	10 00	300 lbs. pork . . .	33 00
1 harness . . .	15 00	350 lbs. beef . . .	24 50
2 draft harnesses . . .	10 00	100 lbs. bacon . . .	10 00
1 roller . . .	6 00	70 lbs. lard . . .	8 75
1 drag . . .	2 00	65 bushels potatoes . . .	33 00
scythes, snathes, rakes		20 " carrots . . .	5 00
and forks . . .	10 00	7 " turnips . . .	3 50
3 ox yokes . . .	3 00	6 " beans . . .	12 00
7 manure forks . . .	5 00	100 cabbages . . .	4 00
3 garden forks . . .	2 00	50 bushels corn . . .	50 00
4 hoes . . .	2 00	flour . . .	2 00
1 pair fetters . . .	1 00	5 lbs. tea . . .	2 00
ox chains . . .	62	70 lbs. coffee . . .	7 00
halter, blanket, &c. . .	3 00	6 bushels meal . . .	6 00
lot posts and rails . . .	20 00	10 lbs. butter . . .	2 50
cart saddle . . .	2 00	112 lbs. soap . . .	7 56
wood saw and horse . . .	2 00	grease and ashes . . .	4 00
beetle and wedges . . .	3 00	8 baskets . . .	4 00
stone tools . . .	5 00	lot manure . . .	200 00
4 iron bars . . .	3 00	5 cords pine wood . . .	30 00
4 axes . . .	3 00	4 " hard " . . .	32 00
3 hatchets . . .	1 00	4 " " in woods . . .	24 00
iron square . . .	25	19 " pine " . . .	57 00
seed sower . . .	5 00	4 " refuse " . . .	4 00
2 shovels . . .	1 25	hard coal . . .	32 50
hay poles . . .	1 00	16 tons English hay . . .	240 00
spade . . .	1 25	2½ " salt hay . . .	25 00
1 grind stone . . .	11 00	1 bbl. onions . . .	2 00
1 hand hammer . . .	75	6 lbs. tobacco . . .	1 68
tackel and runner . . .	4 00	cheese . . .	1 00
1 wheelbarrow . . .	3 00	buffalo robe . . .	3 25
3 ploughs . . .	14 00	120 lbs. rice . . .	4 80
2 horse sleds . . .	10 00	crackers . . .	1 50
1 harrow . . .	10 00	20 lbs. sugar . . .	2 00
carpenters' tools . . .	5 00		
brush hook . . .	75		
		Amount of inventory, \$1,713 16	

SAMUEL CURTIS, }
 LEMUEL TORREY, } *Overseers of*
 JAMES TIRRELL, } *the Poor.*

STATISTICS

FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Weymouth, in 1858.

- Jan. 10, George H. Bicknell and Adeline M. Curtis, Weymouth.
- Feb. 9, Cyrus B. Josselyn and Delana Litchfield, Hanover.
17, Henry Lawler and Sarah H. Gowell, Weymouth.
- Mar. 4, George Wells and Melissa B. Irish, Weymouth.
24, Issac Thomas and Jane Holbrook, Weymouth.
30, Wm. A. Herrick, Boston, and Harriet P. Emery, Weymouth.
31, Lorenzo Torrey and Laura J. Williamson, Weymouth.
- April 18, William H. Taylor and Rutha A. Thaxter, Bridgewater.
26, Parker N. Lawrence and Mary Ann Pidge, Weymouth.
29, William A. Shaw and Harriet P. Reed, Weymouth.
- May 2, Luther J. Copeland, Braintree, and Caroline Allison, Weymouth.
9, Havillah W. Dumps, Bridgewater, and Jane Harden, East Bridgewater.
23, Greanleaf C. Day and Lydia J. Richmond, Weymouth.
26, Charles M. Harlow and Laura Ann French, Weymouth.
27, George D. Groves and Levesta T. Curtis, Weymouth.
- June 1, Jacob W. Rice, Bridgewater, and Mary F. Gonzales, North Bridgewater.
7, Otis R. Shaw, Abington, and Lucy M. Whiting, Hanover.
26, Abial H. Chase, Weymouth, and Margeret A. Conley, Buffalo, N. Y.
30, Russell T. French and Emeline Belcher, Randolph.
- July 2, Cornelius Sullivan, Boston, and Margeret Medonne, Weymouth.
4, William E. Loud, Weymouth, and Susan M. Tirrell, Abington.
4, Benjamin L. Cady and Mary Loud, Weymouth.
4, George H. Ryder and Mary B. Bates, Weymouth.
13, Charles S. Huntoon, Charleston, S. C., and Eliza M. Thayer, Weymouth.

- July 18, Nathaniel Merchant and Harriet S. Thomas, No. Bridgewater.
 20, Leonard Loud and Martha J. White, Weymouth.
- Aug. 13, John Canny, Weymouth, and Susan F. Sargent, Charlestown.
 21, James W. Brown and Sarah Jane Mitchell, Weymouth.
- Sept. 29, Henry F. Noyes and Isabella Sherman, Weymouth.
- Oct. 10, Adnah G. Leach and Lucretia L. Taylor, Weymouth.
 31, Newton Thayer and Maria S. White, Randolph.
- Nov. 14, Franklin Derby, Weymouth, and Nancy Hollis, Braintree.
 14, Thomas Smith and Margeret Gibney, Weymouth.
 14, T. Austin Pool and Melvina Frances Pratt, Weymouth.
 24, William H. Blaisdell, Abington, and Sarah L. Wilder, Hingham.
 25, Leander C. Lovell, Weymouth, and Lucy E. Whiting, Boston.
 25, Isaac F. French and Margeret E. Smith, Weymouth.
 28, Elbridge W. Burrell, Hingham, and Ann F. Pratt, Weymouth.
- Dec. 20, Ziba Ellis, Weymouth, and Martha Ann Dodge, Hingham.
 25, Edward F. White, Braintree, and Permelia J. Garnett, Weymouth.
 29, James H. Clapp and Lizze E. Humphrey, Weymouth.

B I R T H S .

Number of births registered,	235
Number of births, where both parties were American,	138
Number of births, where fathers were American and mothers were foreign, ...	2
Number of births, where the mothers were American and fathers were foreign, ...	11
Number of births, where both parties were foreign,	84
	— 235
Number of births, where both parties were natives of Weymouth, ...	40

Deaths in Weymouth in 1858.

Date.	NAMES.	AGE.			Disease.	Where Born.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		
Jan. 1,	Addison Chessman, ...	47	10	4	Liver Complaint, ...	Hingham.
2,	Nehemiah Lovell, ...	46	9	-	Heart Complaint, ...	Weymouth.
2,	Mary H. Poole, ...	23	-	-	Child-birth, ...	"
5,	Nellie N. Bates, ...	1	1	-	Scrofula, ...	"
8,	William Callaghan, ...	-	-	1	-	"
8,	Andrew Fennell, ...	-	-	1	-	"
14,	Mercy Tufts, ...	57	2	5	Pleurisy Fever, ...	"
15,	Jacob Bates, ...	-	-	1	-	"
16,	Hugh Ellis Pugh, ...	1	-	-	Teething, ...	"
16,	Sarah E. Lovell, ...	17	2	-	Typhoid Fever, ...	"
17,	Sarah D. Taylor, ...	3	3	-	Canker, ...	"
19,	Chloe Holbrook, ...	83	-	-	Influenza, ...	Abington.
21,	Rebecca Trufant, ...	78	-	14	Liver Complaint, ...	"
22,	Cyrus Blanchard, ...	10	-	17	Drowned, ...	Weymouth.
24,	Lydia D. Lovell, ...	37	-	-	Consumption, ...	"
31,	Jeremiah McCarthy, ...	43	-	-	Lung Fever, ...	Ireland.
Feb. 1,	Mary R. Parrott, ...	21	6	-	Heart Disease, ...	Weymouth.
4,	Roswell Trufant, ...	57	4	-	"	"
6,	Lydia Pratt, ...	68	-	-	Typhoid Fever, ...	"
6,	Daniel Hunt, ...	79	11	10	Old Age, ...	"
7,	Hannah Hersey, ...	20	-	-	Fits, ...	Hingham.
9,	Ziba Chessman, ...	74	-	-	Gravel, ...	Braintree.
7,	Goldie, ...	-	-	6	Unknown, ...	Weymouth.
8,	James Powers, ...	18	6	-	Consumption, ...	Ireland.
12,	Edwin F. Hunt, ...	27	8	15	"	Weymouth.
19,	Rhoda J. Bates, ...	61	-	-	Inflammation, ...	Bridgewater.
19,	Betsy Holbrook, ...	68	-	22	Tumor, ...	New Bedford.
Mar. 5,	Michael Dwyer, ...	18	-	6	Abscess on Lungs, ...	Ireland.
5,	Samuel Pool, ...	-	-	1	-	Weymouth.
6,	Patrick Henry Burke, ...	6	7	-	Inflammation, ...	"
15,	Sarah Pool, ...	-	-	11	-	"
16,	Ellen H. Collier, ...	51	-	16	Consumption, ...	Marblehead.
17,	Lemuel Paine, ...	72	6	-	Inflammation, ...	Abington.
19,	Edward Condrick, ...	2	9	-	Fever, ...	Weymouth.
23,	Susan Londergan, ...	2	8	15	Scarlet Fever, ...	"
25,	Sarah Nash, ...	82	7	-	Old Age, ...	"
27,	Sarah Ann Weeks, ...	20	2	-	-	"
April 4,	Elizabeth Tufts, ...	47	2	-	Scrofula, ...	Boston.
5,	Henry A. Torrey, ...	42	8	22	Liver Complaint, ...	Weymouth.
13,	Sarah Shaw, ...	85	-	-	Fever, ...	Abington.
22,	James White, ...	-	-	10	Unknown, ...	Weymouth.
29,	Seth Gannett, ...	53	1	27	Dyspepsia, ...	Scituate.
May 7,	Joanna Fogerty, ...	48	-	-	-	Ireland.
10,	Olive Nash, ...	82	8	14	Old Age, ...	Abington.
16,	William Pratt, ...	72	11	13	General Debility, ...	Weymouth.
22,	Margie Drury, ...	-	-	12	-	"
June 3,	Frederick E. Barker, ...	-	2	-	Teething, ...	"
12,	Everett A. Thayer, ...	4	7	-	Scarlet Fever, ...	"
13,	John Manuel, ...	75	6	-	Old Age, ...	France.
18,	Ann Emily Nason, ...	12	7	7	Consumption, ...	Eliot, Me.
July 7,	Deborah Sprague, ...	37	-	-	Suicide, ...	Hingham.
9,	Ester Chessman, ...	50	8	22	Consumption, ...	Weymouth
9,	Frederick F. Osburn, ...	1	-	28	Dysentery, ...	"
9,	Thomas Cook, ...	1	-	8	Cholera Morbus, ...	"
22,	Catherine Healy, ...	-	-	1	Cholera Infantum, ...	"
22,	Prince E. Thayer, ...	27	-	-	Dropsy, ...	"
22,	Philip Torrey, ...	78	4	-	Lung Fever, ...	Abington.
27,	Charles Thayer, ...	1	6	-	Cholera Infantum, ...	Weymouth.
30,	Relief Ager, ...	86	2	18	Old Age, ...	Bridgewater.
Aug. 5,	Belinda Stetson, ...	66	-	30	Consumption, ...	Abington.
8,	Emma A. Cushing, ...	-	-	1	Fits, ...	Weymouth.
12,	Honora Mulvey, ...	30	-	-	Fever, ...	Ireland.
15,	Thomas Moran, ...	1	8	-	Scarlet Fever, ...	Weymouth.
19,	John G. Rogers, ...	62	7	25	Cancer on Stomach, ...	N. Hampshire.

Deaths in Weymouth—Continued.

Date.	NAMES.	AGE.			Disease.	Where Born.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		
Aug. 20,	John P. Peterson, ...	48	8	11	Consumption, ...	Duxbury.
27,	Sally Hawcs, ...	83	3	25	Cancer, ...	Braintree.
Sept. 4,	Sarah S. Beals, ...	62	-	-	Consumption, ...	Weymouth.
6,	Calvin Joy, ...	60	-	7	Tumor, ...	"
7,	Charles J. Conner, ...	-	3	15	Unknown, ...	"
8,	Willie Bates, ...	-	3	19	Canker, ...	"
9,	Orrin P. Munroe, ...	2	8	-	Disease on Brain, ...	Scituate.
9,	Martha Cleverly, ...	44	-	-	Heart Disease, ...	Hingham.
11,	Mary Holbrook, ...	82	3	11	Old Age, ...	Braintree.
18,	Hannah T. Reed, ...	87	1	9	" "	Weymouth.
18,	Ellen B. Derby, ...	1	5	27	Dropsy, ...	"
26,	Noah Tirrell, ...	75	4	14	Consumption, ...	"
29,	Everett H. Hunt, ...	5	4	-	Liver Complaint, ...	"
30,	Annie P. Sweeting, ...	-	1	25	Canker, ...	"
30,	Patrick Fitzgerald, ...	-	11	28	Lung Fever, ...	"
30,	Ebenezer Totman, Jr.	35	4	4	Thrown out of a wagon, ...	"
Oct. 1,	George A. Lovell, ...	-	9	28	Consumption, ...	"
3,	Mary Blanchard, ...	53	-	-	Rupture, ...	Hingham.
6,	James Cullen, ...	1	-	4	Whooping Cough, ...	Weymouth.
6,	Rebecca C. Alline, ...	63	3	-	Insanity, ...	Boston.
6,	Elizabeth B. Shores, ...	29	-	-	Heart Disease, ...	Weymouth.
10,	Jennie Florence, ...	-	3	23	Cholera Infantum, ...	"
11,	Mary Nash, ...	35	3	-	Heart Disease, ...	"
13,	John Cushing, ...	65	11	-	Typhoid Fever, ...	"
16,	Ruth Kingman, ...	87	8	-	Influenza, ...	"
19,	Elizabeth West, ...	1	1	14	Bowell Complaint, ...	"
19,	Edmund D. Taylor, ...	-	-	1	-	"
20,	James White, ...	68	9	-	Consumption, ...	Braintree.
21,	— Riley, ...	-	-	4	Infantum, ...	Weymouth.
22,	Ann Maria Pyne, ...	1	7	-	Whooping Cough, ...	"
22,	Hattie C. Pool, ...	-	2	14	Liver Complaint, ...	"
30,	Ellen Wright, ...	23	-	2	Cancer, ...	Ireland.
30,	Julia Mitchell, ...	10	4	-	Convulsions, ...	Weymouth.
30,	Amos H. Tirrell, ...	-	7	11	Whooping Cough, ...	Hingham.
Nov. 5,	Cyrus C. Nash, ...	-	3	7	Consumption, ...	Weymouth.
5,	Olive J. Raymond, ...	1	-	10	Whooping Cough, ...	"
11,	George A. Pugh, ...	-	-	14	Fever, ...	"
12,	Mary Kennedy, ...	3	3	12	Inflammation of Bowels, ...	"
13,	Charles D. French, ...	-	11	16	Consumption, ...	"
17,	Ann Londergan, ...	1	4	-	Dysentery, ...	"
Dec. 6,	Susan Gurney, ...	18	-	-	Heart Complaint, ...	"
7,	Thias Bayley, ...	70	-	15	Dropsy, ...	"
7,	Horace T. Gardner, ...	-	3	-	Canker, ...	"
16,	Hannah Pratt, ...	76	11	-	Influenza, ...	Abington.
19,	Lucy Bicknell, ...	67	4	-	Inflammation of Bowels, ...	Weymouth.
24,	Elizabeth Briggs, ...	72	2	4	Old Age, ...	"
26,	William Coolidge, ...	71	5	-	Fever, ...	Quincy.
27,	Rebecca Bicknell, ...	48	1	11	Apoplexy, ...	Weymouth.
-	Mary O'Connell, ...	1	10	-	Unknown, ...	"
-	Mary Crowley, ...	1	11	-	Cholera Infantum, ...	"
-	Hannah Crowley, ...	1	11	-	" "	"
-	George O. Smith, ...	-	3	14	" "	"
-	Lucia Anna Tirrell, ...	16	-	-	Brain Fever, ...	"

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FOR THE YEAR 1859.

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Gillman Burrell.

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Overseers of Poor.

Samuel Curtis, Lemuel Torrey, James Tirrell.

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Francis H. Tilden, William Stoddard, Jacob N. Bates.

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Hervey Cushing, Leonard Gardner, Joshua Binney, Sydney Tower,
J. C. Ford, Joseph D. Gardner, Haskill Boynton, B. F. Shaw,
J. E. Rice, William G. Nash, M. M. Blanchard, Thos. H. Humphrey,
Cyrus Washburn, F. H. Tilden, Roscius R. Walker, Warren Thayer,
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D. H. Vining,	William Hunt,	N. W. Torrey,	Turner Torrey,
Charles Pratt,	Robert Cushing,	Lucius S. Bates,	Abram Bates,
Leonidas F. Pratt,	John G. Burrell,	Thomas A. Hunt,	Isaac F. French,
Joseph Foye,	George M. Hawes,	D. Franklin Reed,	Thomas French,
William Pierce,	Francis Tirrell,	Charles H. Loud,	Nehemiah Thayer,
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James Lovell,	Lemuel S. Merrett,	Freeman B. Vinson,	James Holbrook,
Charles Raymond,	J. J. Pool,	William Field,	Livingston W. Loud,
Joseph Burrell,	Richmond A. Hol-	Harrington Smith,	Calvin Packard,
B. F. Richards,	brook,	Robert Nash,	Edward C. Sinclair.
William F. Leach,	E. Everett Hayden,	Daniel White,	

Fence Viewers.

Thomas Humphrey, Cottington Nash, John Bates, Warren Thayer.

Fire Wards.

Henry Newton,	Lot W. Bicknell,	E. Knights,	Warren W. Barker,
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Pound Keeper.

Francis Tirrell.

Weigher of Vessels.

William Rice.

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	Thomas Bicknell.		

Auditors.

B. F. White,	Loring Tirrell,	E. S. Beals.
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Cotton Bates.

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George W. Pratt.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF WEYMOUTH.

The School Committee of the town of Weymouth respectfully present to their fellow citizens the Report of their services, and of the progress and condition of the Public Schools, for the year ending March 14th, 1859.

On entering upon the duties of the present year, the Board found their labors very much increased in the distribution of responsibilities which had heretofore been assigned to a larger number.

In presenting this report, we would congratulate the town upon the general flourishing condition of the schools.

In the improved system of instruction; in the punctuality, average attendance, and proficiency; in the commendable deportment of the pupils; in the diligence, energy and efficiency of most of the teachers; and in the interest and co-operation of parents,—there has been marked improvement, giving very gratifying evidence that the cause of education among us is making hopeful advancement.

We are happy, fellow citizens, in commending these schools to your care. Your generous appropriations,—and, we trust, your increasing interest in their behalf,—afford sufficient assurance that you require no persuasion from us to induce you to continue to cherish and watch over these institutions, at once the pride of the present and hope of the coming generation.

HIGH SCHOOL.

It affords the Committee no slight degree of pleasure to report that the High School is in a prosperous condition, and is making good progress. At no previous period in its history, have the facilities for instruction been so great as at the present time.

The school opened the first term, March twenty-eighth, with sixty-four pupils.

It was ascertained, after the school had been in operation a few weeks, that the number of classes, and consequently corresponding number of recitations, imperatively demanded an assistant teacher. Steps were immediately taken to supply this lack, and in course of a week or two, Miss Mary Poor was elected to this post. She was employed sixteen weeks, at an expense of one hundred and twenty-four dollars. Thus the school, under the management of the principal and his able assistant, has given entire satisfaction to the Committee. We have invariably found the order perfect, and a diligent and successful application to study.

Had we needed additional evidence of the qualifications of Mr. Fletcher for his important and responsible station, it has been abundantly furnished by the manner in which he has sustained himself, executing with distinguished success the duties of his office through the past year. And in this connection the Committee would remark, with much satisfaction, that in the execution of her duties, Miss Poor fully realized their expectations, and they feel confident that this responsible and important post was entrusted to good hands.

The examination in each study was conducted with much care, either by or under the direction of the Committee, and was such as to test fully the attainments of the classes. In the languages, the questions were very many and minute. In the mathematics, the recitations were of admirable correctness and promptness; the English studies exhibited a good acquaintance with the subject-matter, as well as with the text-books.

The number of pupils in the different studies during the term has been:—In Arithmetic, thirty; Algebra, forty; Natural Philosophy, ten; Book-keeping, seven; Geometry, four; Physical Geography, thirteen; Rhetoric, ten; English Grammar, and analysis, sixty; Latin, thirty-two; French, three;—with fine

specimens of composition and declamation. The average attendance through the term has been fifty-six and one-sixth.

The second term of this school opened August 30th, with fifty-five scholars; and it is no small praise to say, that it has more than sustained its former character for thoroughness, efficiency, and success.

After a few weeks, as in the previous term, Mr. Fletcher was obliged, on account of his overtaxed strength, to ask for an assistant teacher. Fortunately, with very little delay, the services of Miss R. V. Humphrey, of Dorchester, were secured for fifteen weeks, at an expense of one hundred and ten dollars and twenty-five cents.

Miss H. has given evidence of superior scholarship and acquitted herself finely as an assistant teacher. Thus the school has been favored the past year with an able board of teachers—teachers who have familiar knowledge of all the required studies, aptness to teach, of impartial justice, self-control, patience, energy, proud of their profession, and filling their stations with honor.

The closing examination gave most positive assurance that the High School is not a thing of name merely, but of reality. Thus Mr. Fletcher, to whom this important trust was committed, has proved himself to be a gentleman of eminent ability, and a teacher of signal success. It is needless to say, we hope his valuable services may be retained.

The number of pupils in the several studies the last term has been:—In Arithmetic, thirty-two; Algebra, thirty-three; Book-keeping, five; Geometry, four; Rhetoric, five; Astronomy, ten; French, three; Latin, twenty-one; English Grammar, forty; Chemistry, thirteen. Declamations and compositions semi-monthly during the year.

In the presence of several hundred spectators these classes sustained themselves most admirably through a protracted and critical examination. The average attendance during the term has been forty-eight and one-half.

FIRST DISTRICT.—The Grammar and Primary Divisions in this District have enjoyed the advantages of the same excellent teachers for several successive terms.

Miss J. Frances Vining, in charge of the Grammar depart-

ment during the past year, has fully sustained her well-deserved popularity as an able, successful, and acceptable teacher.

This school, under the management of its present instructor, has established an excellent reputation for good order, proficiency and a good spirit, ranking with the best of our Grammar schools. This is perhaps quite as evident in the ordinary, every-day appearance of the school, as at the examinations, showing a desirable uniformity and regularity in its discipline.

This school, for several terms, has been growing in the estimation of the Committee, and never has it stood higher than during the past year. The examination at the close of each term was, in a high degree, creditable to the pupils and honorable to the teacher.

The exercises in reading, spelling, and defining, were very commendable. Recitations in Geography, Grammar, Arithmetic, and the higher Mathematics, were admirable.

Summer term, twenty-two weeks. Whole number of scholars, 44. Average attendance, 37 and a fraction.

Winter term, sixteen weeks. Whole number of pupils, 36. Average attendance, 31 and a fraction.

The Primary School was given in charge to Miss Sarah E. Loud. This school, we believe, has been very faithfully and successfully conducted,—the teacher giving evidence of skill and devotedness.

The school has steadily improved during the year. The government of this school is mild, yet sufficiently effective.

A pleasing relation exists between the teacher and pupils,—a relation that gives promise of a delightful future.

The appearance of the school at the several examinations was particularly gratifying to the Committee.

The exhibition of her first class, in reading, spelling, defining, and also in Greenleaf's Primary Arithmetic, elicited the hearty approval of the Committee.

The parents and friends of this school evince a lively interest in its welfare, and a large number was present at its close.

Summer term, twenty-two weeks. Whole number of scholars, 44. Average attendance, 37 and a fraction.

Winter term, sixteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 55. Average attendance, 43 and a half.

Intermediate School.—Summer Term.—Miss Nancy A. Tirrell, teacher. Length of term, twenty-two weeks. Whole number of scholars, 45. Average attendance, 36.

The condition of this school is not, in all respects, what the Committee would have it. The pupils in this department, considering their age, fall somewhat below the average attainment. Though the teacher possessed many excellent qualities—amiable, correct, and lady-like in her deportment—yet there was a want of life and animation in the exercises generally.

The recitations, in the several branches, indicated a superficial course of study rather than that thoroughness which is so much to be desired. The discipline of the school was not sufficiently firm and elevating to command the respect of the pupils, and secure the hearty approval of the Committee.

Winter Term.—Miss Elizabeth T. Jones, teacher. Length of term, sixteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 44. Average attendance, 38.

The Committee feel obliged to remark, that, considering the experience and literary attainments of the teacher, she has not fully answered their expectations. The school has not afforded that exhibition of order, self-respect, and thoroughness in their studies, so essential to success. And, consequently, the examination was not satisfactory to the Committee.

They could not regard the closing exercises with favor—though they believe the teacher was ambitious and persevering.

SECOND DISTRICT.—*Summer Term.*—Length of school, six months. Whole number of scholars, 45. Average attendance, 33.

This school, during the entire year, has been under the charge of Miss Eliza French, an able and accomplished teacher, who had previously rendered much valuable service therein. Possessing in a large degree the confidence, and co-operation of the parents and children of the District, her labors in the school room have been attended with marked success. Her task, it is true, has not been a light one. The school being a mixed one, composed of scholars of various ages, capacities, and attainments, a systematic classification has been impossible, and the number of classes and studies has greatly exceeded what is desirable in any one school. But the teacher has nobly struggled to surmount these obstacles, and with a good degree of success. It has been

her endeavor not only to teach things, but principles also—not only to assist her pupils in acquiring a knowledge of the contents of text books, but also to aid in the development and culture of their minds and hearts. And consequently a healthful, moral influence has been exerted upon the children committed to her care.

The order of the school has generally been good, and the system of instruction, as a whole, such as to meet the approbation of the Committee at their several visits.

The examination at the close of the summer term though not faultless, was quite satisfactory to the Committee and friends in attendance.

Some of the exercises, particularly in the highest classes in Reading and in Arithmetic, are worthy of special mention, as possessing rare excellence.

The Winter term was eighteen weeks in length. Whole number of scholars 50. Average attendance, 40. The school this term fully sustained the reputation it so justly earned in the last. It made indeed a better appearance at the close—the old scholars having made commendable proficiency, and several new and advanced ones had been added to their number. The examination gave much satisfaction. The exercises as a whole were fully up to the average, and some of them—as in Arithmetic, Algebra, and History,—were worthy of much praise; for they are seldom surpassed in our Grammar schools.

THIRD DISTRICT.—The Grammar School of this District, is under excellent training, and exhibits delightful evidence of the skill and devotedness of the teacher. Of this school we are happy to remark, under the care of Miss Susan J. F. Pratt, who has been continued through the year, that it is in a very successful and satisfactory condition, and is working out for the education of a large number of the youth, important and pleasing results.

Miss Pratt possesses many excellent qualities as a teacher. We have been particularly pleased with her characteristic industry, thoroughness, aptness in teaching, skill in awakening the young mind, and in securing attention, her ability to govern, her exactness, earnestness, and hearty love of the employment, rather than of its mere emoluments. In this school, we believe the intellectual and moral culture of the pupils, was conscientiously observed

and happily promoted. The examinations of this school exceeded the expectations of the Committee.

The exercises in Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, History, and Composition, were particularly excellent and elicited the highest commendation of the Committee. It affords us particular pleasure to state, that thirty-three pupils, had neither been absent or tardy during the term. The examinations were witnessed by a large number of interested friends.

Summer term, twenty-nine weeks. Whole number of pupils, 53. Average attendance 32.

Winter term, three months. Whole number of pupils, 63. Average attendance, 58.

Intermediate and Primary Divisions.—These schools have also enjoyed the advantages of the same teachers through the year. The Intermediate school, under the care of Miss Mary C. Cowing, has made commendable progress.

This school is large and somewhat irregular in attendance, though there has been an improvement in this respect during the past year, which has contributed much to the increased prosperity of the school.

The examinations showed that the teacher had labored with praiseworthy diligence, and that the scholars, in general, had well improved their privileges. The exercises in Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, &c., were quite satisfactory: and the order and apparent condition of the school, gave evidence of faithfulness and zeal, on the part of the teacher.

Summer term, twenty-nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, 82.

Winter term, fourteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 63. Average attendance, 50.

The Primary School, in charge of Miss Maria L. Bates. The number registered in this school during the past and previous term, has imposed upon the teacher a task of no ordinary magnitude. The recent and commendable act of the District, providing for the fourth school, will doubtless very much improve the condition of the Primary Division.

Miss Bates brought to her aid no experience, and therefore, did not accomplish as much as she may hereafter do, should her connection with the school continue.

The Committee believe she was diligent and faithful. The examinations showed that she had not been unsuccessful. The order during the term, was excellent.

Summer term, twenty-nine weeks, whole number of scholars, 91. Winter term, fourteen weeks. Whole number of pupils, 62.

FOURTH DISTRICT.—*Primary Division.*—*Summer Term.*—Length of school, six months. Whole number of scholars, 61. Average attendance, 42.

The invaluable services of Miss A. M. Webster, have been enjoyed in this school during another year, and her labors have been attended with great success. Amiable in her disposition—mild and yet efficient in her discipline—apt to teach and indefatigable in the discharge of the duties of the school room, she has secured the confidence and love of her pupils, and has led them along step by step in the acquisition of knowledge and virtue.

The progress of this school for a few years past, steadily attaining as it has, a higher and higher rank, until it has become one of our best Primary schools, affords another vindication of the wisdom of retaining good teachers as long as possible. The closing examination was entirely satisfactory to the Committee, and the large number of friends present.

The Winter term was fourteen weeks in length. Whole number of scholars, 50. Average attendance, 38.

It is believed that there was this term no diminution of effort on the part of the teacher to promote the interest of the school, nor of the good results which are sure to follow such efforts.

The Committee were pleased to see that Miss Webster not only makes good use of her text-books, but devotes some time to oral instruction, and imparts much useful knowledge not usually gained in schools of this grade. The school at the examination was truly alive, and the exercises were of deep interest. The classes all did well, and some of them—as the class of beginners in Geography, and the one in Colburn's Arithmetic—did remarkably well, reciting with great promptness and animation. It is believed that all present were much pleased, and ready to testify that the teacher is admirably adapted to the position she occupies.

The Summer term of the Grammar Division was also six months in length. Whole number of scholars, 34. Average attendance, 25.

The school this term was in the charge of the same lady who has conducted it so acceptably for the last three years—Mrs. L. A. H. Butler. Amply competent as an instructor, active and energetic in the school room as this teacher confessedly is, it was expected she would sustain her previous reputation, and carry the school forward to a still higher point of excellence. And although she labored diligently, and apparently did what she could, and although many scholars made good proficiency, yet the result, as seen in the closing examination, was not what could have been wished.

Winter term, length of school, fourteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 34. Average attendance, 28.

This term was taught by Miss Sarah H. Rugg, a young lady, who has had some experience as a teacher in other parts of the town. To be truthful, the Committee are compelled to say, that there was much in Miss Rugg's peculiar manner as a disciplinarian, as well as in the methods by which she sought to secure good recitations, which they cannot approve. For notwithstanding they desire to have a strict and wholesome discipline maintained in every school, they still believe that all indications of impatience or asperity of feeling, and all undue severity, on the part of the teacher, especially for failures in lessons, must be attended with deleterious results. Such a course may make children afraid to do wrong, but it cannot make them love to do right: and its legitimate tendency is to alienate their hearts from their teacher, create distrust of their own abilities, and if long persisted in, must result in breaking down their self-respect.

But it should be added, that the teacher was energetic in the school room, and although some, if not most of her classes went over but little new ground, yet by much drilling they became familiar with their lessons, and appeared well at the examination.

FIFTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term.—Grammar Department.*—Miss Emily Torrey, teacher. Length of term, twenty-six weeks. Whole number of scholars, 59. Average attendance, 45.

This school was conducted with the teacher's usual efficiency and success. Good order was maintained throughout the term. The closing examination gave evidence that the scholars had been thoroughly instructed, and that they had made progress in their studies.

The labors of Miss Torrey, as a teacher, closed with this term. She declined an urgent request to continue the school the following term, on account of impaired health, but hoped that by resting during the winter, she would be able to resume her chosen employment in the spring. But this hope was not to be realized. After a short illness, she died early in January.

The Committee desire here to record their testimony to her distinguished ability and success as a teacher. Amiable and even in her disposition, quiet but firm in her government, familiarly acquainted with all the branches taught in our schools, and requiring in her pupils a thorough knowledge of what they studied, she was eminently qualified for the duties of her office. These duties she succeeded in discharging honorably to herself, profitably to her pupils, acceptably to their parents and her employers, and satisfactorily to the several Committees with whom she was associated. Her death is a loss not only to the circle of her relatives, but also to the public whom she had so long and faithfully served.

Primary Department.—Teacher, Miss Susan M. Torrey.—Length of term, twenty-seven weeks. Whole number of scholars, 66. Average attendance, 53.

The appearance of this school at the several visitations was, in the highest degree, satisfactory. The school, though large, was orderly and quiet. Particular attention was paid to the rules for distinct articulation. The rules were not merely committed to memory, but applied; and, as a result, the pupils at the closing examination read and recited with a deliberation, distinctness of articulation, and correctness of pronunciation, seldom equalled in schools of a higher grade. The progress, especially of the younger scholars, was marked. The Committee bestowed the highest commendation upon the school.

Winter Term.—Grammar Department.—Mr. Jacob L. Pratt, teacher. Length of term, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, 54. Average attendance, 40.

The Committee having charge of this school, on visiting it at the commencement of the term, found much disorder, and an apparent disposition in a few of the scholars to break down the authority of the teacher. Such remarks were made as the case demanded. At the next visit the school was found in a better state; but at none of the visits, did the Committee find such

order, studiousness and interest, as are necessary to the highest success of a school. The teacher exerted himself for the proper government of the school. Though all was not accomplished in this respect that was desirable, yet it was evident, at the closing examination, that most of the scholars had a familiar acquaintance with the branches they had studied. The classes had, generally, made good progress in their studies. Some of them went over more ground than is ordinarily done in the same time. The Committee spoke of the examination in terms of commendation.

Primary Department.—Teacher, Miss Susan M. Torrey.—Length of term, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, 52. Average attendance, 40.

As in the preceding term, so in this—every thing in the management of the school was satisfactory. The Committee commend Miss Torrey, not only for the perfect order of her school, but also for her gentle and quiet manner of securing it. Her tact, fidelity and success, have procured for her a high reputation as a teacher.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term.*—*Grammar Department.*—Miss A. M. Adlington, teacher. Length of term, twenty-five weeks. Whole number of scholars, 40. Average attendance, 29.

The instruction was characterized by thoroughness and accuracy. Errors in grammar and pronunciation, which many teachers fail to notice, were carefully pointed out and corrected. Had the discipline been equal to the instruction, the school would have been a successful one. Miss A. had never taught before. This effort convinces the Committee that, if to her other qualifications were added a greater efficiency in the government of a school, she would make a superior teacher. The order of the school improved in the latter part of the term. Some of the exercises at the closing examination were good, others were defective.

Primary Department.—Miss Elizabeth White, teacher. Length of term, twenty-five weeks. Whole number of scholars, 64. Average attendance, 45.

This school appeared well at the several visitations, and received the approbation of the Committee at the closing examination. The reading was particularly commended.

Winter Term.—*Grammar Department.*—Mr. Elbridge Torrey, teacher. Length of term, sixteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 44. Average attendance, 40.

Mr. Torrey's success in this school the preceding winter, led the Committee to expect much the present term. Their expectations were even more than realized. The order was good, the scholars diligent, and most of them were interested in their studies. The instruction was accurate and uncommonly thorough. The pupils were taught principles as well as rules. The teacher, himself active and energetic, infused life and animation into his pupils. The result was, that the classes not only proceeded thoroughly, but advanced rapidly in their studies. The progress made by some was seldom equalled. A class of beginners in Algebra went to the 157th page. The closing examination was of rare excellence. The questions were answered with great promptness and accuracy, and topics were readily and fully explained.

Primary Department.—Miss Elizabeth White, teacher. Length of term, sixteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 60. Average attendance, 44.

The school was conducted with the teacher's usual ability and success. She evidently has the confidence and good will of her pupils, and is herself devoted to their interests. This is one of the best primary schools in town; and that it is so, is owing, in no small degree, to the fact that it has been for a long time under the charge of the same teacher. Fanny H. Pratt had not been absent or tardy during the year.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term.*—*Grammar Department.*—Teacher, Miss M. A. Holbrook. Length of term, twenty-four weeks. Whole number of scholars, 55. Average attendance, 39.

Some of the scholars were studious and orderly; others were not as quiet and attentive to their studies as they should have been. The attendance of many was quite irregular. There was not that thoroughness in instruction and discipline that is necessary to the prosperity of a school. Some of the exercises at the closing examination were unsatisfactory, while a few received the commendation of the Committee.

Primary Department.—Teacher, Miss B. M. Holbrook. Length of term, twenty-four weeks. Whole number of scholars, 73. Average attendance, 46.

The large number of scholars made it difficult to secure the order and quiet that are desirable in a school. The teacher's

kind and persevering efforts in this direction, however, were attended with as much success perhaps as, in the circumstances, could be expected. Eighteen of the pupils were under five years of age. These added greatly to the labors of the teacher, and interfered with the prosperity of the school. The closing examination was one of average excellence.

Winter Term.—Grammar Department.—Mr. H. F. Woodman, teacher. Length of term, fifteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 56. Average attendance, 48.

Good order has been maintained through the term, and thorough instruction given in the branches taught. The teacher has exerted himself to give his pupils clear ideas of what they have studied. He has taken special pains to improve their reading. The scholars generally have been studious, and some have applied themselves with great diligence. A pleasing feature in the school was the interest manifested by the teacher in his pupils, and their regard for and confidence in him. Some of the classes have made good progress in their studies, others have gone over but little ground. Some have spent nearly the whole winter in learning thoroughly, what they had before learned superficially. The closing examination was one of rare excellence. The recitations in Algebra were unsurpassed. Several others were of great merit. There was some very excellent reading. The Committee were highly pleased with the appearance of the school, and spoke of the closing exercises in terms of high commendation. An unusually large number of the scholars were present. Twenty-three had not been absent or tardy during the term; of these, *five*, as appears by the registers, had not been absent or tardy during the year; their names are—Nath. M. Terry, James L. Terry, S. Ella Torrey, Mary E. Allen, Amelia C. Reed.

Primary Department.—Teacher, Miss Lucy E. Hunt. Length of term, fifteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 48. Average attendance, 34.

Miss Hunt entered upon this, her first school, with a determination to succeed. By vigorous and persevering efforts she succeeded, in a good degree, in establishing order and quiet in her school. She labored faithfully for the good of the school; and there was an improvement, in its general appearance, under her energetic management. The Committee spoke favorably of its closing exercises.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term.—Grammar Department.*—Miss Josephine Lane, teacher. Length of term, twenty weeks. Whole number of scholars, 52. Average attendance, 43.

It was evident, at the several visitations, that the teacher was anxiously desirous of the improvement of her pupils,—and that, if they should fail to learn, it would not be for want of exertion on her part. But there was not, in many of the scholars, that application to study which indicated a desire to learn. While some were generally diligent, others were disposed to be idle. Consequently, all did not make equal progress in their studies. The Committee expressed themselves as highly gratified with most of the exercises at the closing examination. Much of the reading was excellent; several of the recitations were of a high order, while a few were imperfect.

Primary Department.—Miss Lydia A. Paddock, teacher.—Length of term, twenty-one weeks. Whole number of scholars, 50. Average attendance, 40.

Evidence was seen, at the several examinations, that the scholars were interested in their teacher and in their studies. The closing examination was creditable to the teacher and pupils, and was highly satisfactory to the Committee.

Winter Term.—Grammar Department.—Mr. L. E. Noyes, teacher. Length of term, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, 45. Average attendance, 41.

There is a great diversity of attainment, if not of capacity, in this school. Among the older members are some very fine scholars, and some of the younger pupils have made excellent progress; but others, are either hard to learn or unwilling to study,—consequently, at some of the visitations of the Committee, there were imperfect recitations. The teacher labored faithfully and judiciously for the improvement of the school; and, at the closing examination, it was evident that some had made good progress in their studies, but the imperfect recitations of others did not allow the Committee to bestow unqualified commendation.

Primary Department.—Miss Melissa Howe, teacher. Length of term, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, 55. Average attendance, 45.

The teacher was young and inexperienced. She failed to secure good order—and, consequently, but little progress was made by the scholars. The closing examination was unsatisfactory.—Alfred Wright was not absent or tardy during the year.

EIGHTH DISTRICT, *Randolph street*.—*Summer Term*.—Miss Henrietta A. Fuller, teacher. Length of term, twenty weeks. Whole number of scholars, 49. Average attendance, $37\frac{1}{2}$.

This school was found in a very satisfactory state, at each visitation. The order was excellent,—the scholars were generally studious, and their recitations good. The closing examination received the commendation of the Committee.

Winter Term.—The same teacher. Length of term, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, 46. Average attendance, 36.

The school was conducted in the same satisfactory manner as in the preceding term. Several of the scholars studied with uncommon diligence, and made very great proficiency,—these received special commendation at the closing examination; and the scholars, generally, gave evidence of progress in their studies. The Committee were particularly pleased with the remarkable promptness as well as correctness of the answers given by most of the scholars to the questions put to them. It is seldom that so many questions are asked and answered in so short a time. We congratulate the district in having so prosperous a school; and commend their wisdom in retaining Miss Fuller, as a teacher, for so many terms.

NINTH DISTRICT.—*Lower Primary Division*.—A new school commenced, this year, in consonance with a vote of the district. Length of term, six months. Whole number of scholars, 62. Average attendance, 44.

The school was given in charge to Miss Sarah A. White, a resident of the district. Of the large number of children registered in this school, many had not learned their letters, and none could read without spelling their words. To a young and inexperienced teacher, it must have seemed almost an herculean task to take care of and instruct such a school. But knowing no such word as fail, she gave herself, heart and hand to her work,—and her labors were attended with a gratifying degree of success.

The Winter term was three months in length. Whole number of scholars, 52. Average attendance, 47.

The same fidelity and perseverance was manifested, on the part of the teacher, as in the previous term; and, considering the irregularity of attendance, on the part of the pupils, it may in truth be said that the school, both in respect to its good order and

proficiency, was deserving of much commendation. The examination at the close of this term, as also the previous one, was pleasant and satisfactory.

The Upper Primary Department.—Length of Summer term, six months. Whole number of scholars, 54. Average attendance, 47.

This school was given into the hands of Miss Mary T. Clapp, also a resident of the district. Full of life and professional enthusiasm,—devoting herself with rare singleness of purpose to her charge,—ingenious in expedients to secure attention and application, appealing rather to a spirit of emulation and self-respect in her pupils, than the ignoble fear of punishment,—she has proved herself to be a teacher of no ordinary tact and ability. The examination of the school, at the close of the term, was quite satisfactory,—giving evidence, as it did, that much labor had been expended, and well expended.

The Winter term was three months in length. Whole number of scholars, 55. Average attendance, 48.

The school this term was as judiciously managed, and as successful, as in the previous one. Having been reared in our midst and received her entire education in the schools of our town, Miss Clapp has shown us that home-bred teachers are at least equal to those imported from abroad. The closing examination received, as it deserved, the commendation of the Committee.

Intermediate Department.—Length of term, six months. Whole number of scholars, 54. Average attendance, 44.

This school was taught during the year by Miss M. V. Boardman, a teacher of some experience, from Saugus. As a disciplinarian she was quite successful, and good order was always maintained in her school. As an instructor of the young, she was ambitious of success, and spared no pains or efforts to secure the advancement of her pupils in their several studies. Perhaps if some of the classes had not attempted to do quite so much, and done it more thoroughly, it would have been better. The school, generally, appeared well,—the scholars orderly and studious; and the closing examination gave evidence that commendable proficiency had been made.

Winter term, of three months in length. Whole number of scholars, 52. Average attendance, 46.

This term is believed to have been more successful than the

preceding one. More attention was paid to the rules of reading, sounds of letters, articulation, pronunciation, &c. ; and, in the opinion of the member of the Committee who had charge of the school, there was a marked improvement in these important particulars.

To the regret of all, Miss Boardman was taken sick just before the close of the term, and her school had no opportunity of showing what it had done the past Winter.

And, in this connection, the Committee cannot deny themselves the sad pleasure of paying a sincere tribute of respect to a most successful teacher of youth, who has done much for this school in past years, and with whom it has been their privilege to be associated in the noble cause of education. Allusion is made to Miss Lydia C. Trufant, whose failing health compelled her to leave this school about one year ago ; and whose early departure from scenes of great usefulness on earth, occasioned sadness in all who knew her. Beloved in life—lamented in death—she has gone hence to enter upon higher duties and enjoyments.

Grammar Department.—Summer term, six months in length. Whole number of scholars, 43. Average attendance, 35.

This school has been taught another year by Mr. T. C. Pratt, whose standing as a teacher is well known in town, and who is well adapted to the position he has filled. Mild, equable and yet firm in his government, the discipline of the school has been all that could be desired. Aiming to be thorough and practical in his instructions,—to induce his pupils to think and reason for themselves,—he has done a good work for the school. Had he possessed or exercised more of the propelling power, greater results would have been witnessed. The several exercises at the examination, although not faultless, compared favorably with those of previous terms.

The Winter term was three months in length. Whole number of scholars, 45. Average attendance, 38.

The condition of the school, at the several visitations of the Committee, was satisfactory,—indicating tact and faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and good order and application to the duties of the school-room on the part of the pupils. The examination deserved, and received, the commendation of the Committee and friends present.

It is with regret that the Committee have noticed, for a few

terms past, that several scholars have left this school just before examination, evidently to escape its ordeal. This is a growing evil, and one which demands immediate attention and reform,—for the practice cannot but be regarded as reflecting great discredit upon the scholars who are guilty of it, and the parents and guardians who will allow it.

TENTH DISTRICT.—*Grammar School*.—Miss Lydia A. Tirrell, teacher. This school has enjoyed the services of the same excellent teacher through the year. The Committee have been much gratified with the uniform appearance of this school at their repeated visitations. Miss Tirrell is an excellent disciplinarian, and a pleasant, yet faithful teacher. Under her management the school has made fine proficiency in the several branches taught, and is now in a condition of much promise. The teacher has succeeded in maintaining good order, not by severity in word or act, but by securing the confidence and good will of her pupils. The examinations were such as to indicate a determination on the part of the teacher to have *well* done all that was contemplated. The different classes appeared well—performing and answering the questions with promptness and accuracy. A large number of parents and friends were present at the close of each term.

Summer term, twenty-eight weeks. Whole number of pupils, 38. Average attendance, 30.

Winter term, twelve weeks. Whole number of pupils, 34. Average attendance, 30.

Primary School.—Miss Lizzie B. Tirrell, teacher. This school has been in the care of the present teacher through the year; and has, in most instances, merited the commendation of the Committee. The children have made admirable progress during the year, and the school appeared well at both examinations. The teacher has given evidence of ability in her profession, and applied herself with commendable zeal to her duties. The closing exercises were witnessed by many of the parents and friends.

Summer term, twenty-six weeks. Whole number of pupils, 36. Average attendance, 27.

Winter term, twelve weeks. Whole number of scholars, 35. Average attendance, 29.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*.—Miss Sarah H. Rugg, teacher. Length of term, twenty-seven weeks. Whole number of scholars, 62. Average attendance, 44.

The order of the school was good at the several visitations, and the scholars generally appeared to be diligent. The whooping-cough prevailing in the district, during a part of the term, interfered with the prosperity of the school, and prevented some classes from making a desirable progress. Several of the scholars recited with great promptness and accuracy at the closing examination, although but few of the classes came up to the average standard of excellence. They had not a thorough knowledge of the subjects they had studied.

Winter Term.—Mr. F. H. Luddington, teacher. Length of term, fifteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 52. Average attendance, 37.

The appearance of the school, when visited during the term by the Committee who had charge of it, was highly satisfactory. The teacher was kind, and efficient in discipline, and thorough in instruction. The pupils were orderly, and generally studious. But the closing examination did not meet the expectations of the Committee. Several of the classes were not sufficiently familiar with the studies they had attended to; this was owing, in part, to the fact that but little time had been spent in reviewing. Some of the classes did not advance but little, if any, beyond the point reached the preceding term. It would have been otherwise had they, then, gone over the ground thoroughly. The Committee regard the school as a successful one, and Mr. L. as a competent and faithful teacher. Fanny E. Doble was not absent or tardy during the year.

In conclusion, the Committee would sincerely commend the Public Schools to the wise and munificent regard of all classes of their fellow citizens. No public interest is of greater importance; none in which we are more deeply interested; and none calls for more constant and judicious care, that it may be guarded from detriment, and fulfill its signal purpose. Under the blessing of God, may such care be ever vouchsafed to these noble institutions,—and may they, more and more, be of our town the glory and the joy.

E. S. POTTER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
C. W. MELLEN,		
J. P. TERRY,		

School Statistics.

No. of District.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Persons in the District bet. 5 & 15.	No. of Scholars attending School.	Average Attendance.	No. under 5 Years of Age.	No. over 15 Years of Age.	Length of Term.		Wages of Teachers per month.	Term.
							Mo.	Dy.		
I.	Miss Sarah E. Loud, ...	149	56	43	10	-	5	10	\$16 00	Summer.
	Miss Nancie A. Tirrell, ...	-	45	36	-	-	5	10	20 00	Summer.
	Miss J. Frances Vining, ...	-	44	38	-	4	5	10	30 00	Summer.
	Miss Sarah E. Loud, ...	-	55	42	8	-	4	-	19 00	Winter.
	Miss Elizabeth T. Jones, ...	-	44	38	-	-	4	-	22 00	Winter.
	Miss J. Frances Vining, ...	-	36	31	-	5	4	-	30 00	Winter.
II.	Miss Eliza French, ...	50	45	33	1	2	6	-	24 00	Summer.
	Miss Eliza French, ...	-	50	40	-	6	4	5	32 00	Winter.
III.	Miss Maria L. Bates, ...	246	91	44	22	-	7	5	18 00	Summer.
	Miss Mary C. Cowing, ...	-	82	48	-	-	7	5	20 00	Summer.
	Miss Susan J. F. Pratt, ...	-	53	32	-	-	7	5	26 00	Summer.
	Miss Maria L. Bates, ...	-	62	39	7	-	3	10	20 00	Winter.
	Miss Mary C. Cowing, ...	-	63	50	-	-	3	10	22 00	Winter.
	Miss Susan J. F. Pratt, ...	-	63	58	-	4	3	-	30 00	Winter.
IV.	Mrs. L. A. H. Butler, ...	100	34	25	-	-	6	-	24 00	Summer.
	Miss A. M. Webster, ...	-	61	42	1	-	6	-	24 00	Summer.
	Miss Sarah H. Rugg, ...	-	34	28	-	2	3	10	24 00	Winter.
	Miss A. M. Webster, ...	-	50	38	2	-	3	10	24 00	Winter.
V.	Miss Susan M. Torrey, ...	126	66	53	7	-	6	15	20 00	Summer.
	Miss Emily Torrey, ...	-	59	45	-	4	6	10	26 00	Summer.
	Miss Susan M. Torrey, ...	-	52	40	-	-	3	-	20 00	Winter.
	Mr. J. L. Pratt, ...	-	54	40	-	5	3	-	40 00	Winter.
VI.	Miss Elizabeth White, ...	114	64	45	6	-	6	5	20 00	Summer.
	Miss A. M. Adlington, ...	-	40	29	-	1	6	5	22 00	Summer.
	Miss Elizabeth White, ...	-	60	44	-	-	4	-	20 00	Winter.
	Mr. Elbridge Torrey, ...	-	44	40	-	13	4	-	45 00	Winter.
VII.	Miss B. M. Holbrook, ...	122	73	46	18	-	6	-	21 00	Summer.
	Miss M. A. Holbrook, ...	-	55	40	-	-	6	-	20 00	Summer.
	Miss Lucy E. Hunt, ...	-	48	34	4	-	3	15	20 00	Winter.
	Mr. Henry F. Woodman, ...	-	56	48	-	10	3	15	50 00	Winter.
VIII.	Miss Lydia A. Paddock, ...	136	50	40	1	-	5	5	20 00	Summer.
	Miss Josephine Lane, ...	-	52	43	-	5	5	-	22 00	Summer.
	Miss H. A. Fuller, ...	-	49	38	5	-	5	-	20 00	Summer.
	Miss Melissa M. Howe, ...	-	55	45	2	-	3	-	20 00	Winter.
	Miss H. A. Fuller, ...	-	46	36	-	-	3	-	22 00	Winter.
	Mr. Lewis E. Noyes, ...	-	45	41	-	9	3	-	46 00	Winter.
IX.	Miss Sarah A. White, ...	212	61	44	7	-	6	-	10 00	Summer.
	Miss Mary S. Clapp, ...	-	52	47	-	-	6	-	12 00	Summer.
	Miss M. V. Boardman, ...	-	54	44	-	-	6	-	22 00	Summer.
	Mr. T. C. Pratt, ...	-	44	34	-	10	6	-	58 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Summer.
	Miss Sarah A. White, ...	-	52	36	4	-	3	-	10 00	Winter.
	Miss Mary T. Clapp, ...	-	55	48	-	-	3	-	12 00	Winter.
	Miss M. V. Boardman, ...	-	52	46	-	-	3	-	22 00	Winter.
	Mr. T. C. Pratt, ...	-	45	36	-	8	3	-	58 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	Winter.
X.	Miss Lizzie B. Tirrell, ...	71	36	27	12	-	6	10	16 00	Summer.
	Miss Lydia A. Tirrell, ...	-	38	30	-	-	7	-	20 00	Summer.
	Miss Lizzie B. Tirrell, ...	-	35	29	5	-	3	-	17 00	Winter.
	Miss Lydia A. Tirrell, ...	-	34	30	-	-	3	-	23 00	Winter.
XI.	Miss Sarah H. Rugg, ...	58	62	44	1	3	6	15	22 00	Summer.
	Mr. F. H. Ludington, ...	-	52	37	-	1	3	15	40 00	Winter.
	Mr. W. K. Fletcher,*	-	63	56	-	38	4	10	80 81	Summer.
	Miss Mary Poor,*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28 00	Summer.
	Mr. W. K. Fletcher,*	-	55	48	-	37	6	10	80 81	Winter.
	Miss R. V. Humphrey,*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28 00	Winter.

* High School.

